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SUBJECT: COLOMBO SUMMIT: ZAIRE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS (IO)

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1. REFTEL REPORTED HIGHLIGHTS OF NGUZA-LEWIS
CONVERSATION. FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST TO
EMBASSY AND USUN OFFICERS IN COLOMBO CONTEXT.

2. NGUZA HAD VARIOUS OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE
INTERNAL SITUATION IN NAM. HE STRONGLY FAVORED
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KEEPING STRICT DEFINITION OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND

OPPOSED ENTRY OF ROMANIA OR ANY COUNTRIES WHICH HAD MILITARY PACT ASSOCIATION. HE ALSO STATED, THAT, IDEALLY, STATES WHICH ATTEND INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS BASED ON IDEOLOGY SUCH AS EPCP OR MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MEETINGS SHOULD NOT PROPERLY BE IN MOVEMENT ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ARGUE THIS WAS A CRITERION WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

3. NGUZA ALSO OPPOSED CREATING ANY NAM SECRETARIAT, ARGUING THAT NAM SHOULD REMAIN A FLEXIBLE,

CONSTRUCTIVE ORGANIZATION AND NOT BECOME INSTITUTIONALIZED, PARTICULARLY AT TIME WHEN RADICALS DOMINANT. HE THOUGHT THAT OUTCOME OF DEBATE ON SECRETARIAT MIGHT REACH COMPROMISE WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OR TWO PERSONS WITH ASSIGNMENT TO MAINTAIN ARCHIVES OF NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS LOCATED IN NEW YORK AND IMPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTED.

4. NGUZA STATED THAT HE WOULD MAKE POINT THAT NAM SHOULD NOT PRODUCE JUDGMENTS ON BASIS FALSE CONSENSUS AND THAT HE WOULD ARGUE VIGOROUSLY AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THAT ONE-SIDED PRONOUNCEMENTS ON ISSUES SUCH AS KOREA AND PUERTO RICO HAD BEEN RESULT OF CONSENSUS. HE STATED THAT HE HAD USED TO GOOD EFFECT AT OAU THREAT TO CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE AND EXPOSE ANY RAILROADED AGREEMENTS AS BOGUS, IMPLYING THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DO THIS AGAIN AT COLOMBO. (OAU INCIDENT AROSE FROM ALGERIAN EFFORT TO GET OAU CONSENSUS ENDORSEMENT FOR SPANISH SAHARA. NGUZA STATED THAT HE INSISTED THIS COULD NOT BE DONE BECAUSE HE DID NOT AGREE TO SUCH CONSENSUS. WHEN BOUTEFLIKA REMONSTRATED, HE RECALLED CASE OF CABINDA, ASKING BOUTEFLIKA IF HE WOULD SUPPORT OAU CALL FOR CABINDA SELF-DETERMINATION.)

5. WITH REGARD TO LEADERSHIP OF NAM, NGUZA STATED THAT ALGERIA HAD LOST FACE OVER SAHARA ISSUE AND THAT THIS HAD WEAKENED THEIR BID TO CONTINUE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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LEAD NAM.

6. NGUZA OBSERVED THAT ZAIRE PREFERRED NAM EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES EVEN THOUGH THIS WOULD TEND TO MIRROR G-77 POSITIONS. HE FELT THAT, IN VIEW OF WIDE DIVERSITY OF INTERESTS OF LDC'S, LARGE GROUPS SUCH AS NAM AND G-77, NOT VERY PRACTICAL OR EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR FORMULATING LDC POLITICAL POSITIONS.

7. FOR KATZEN: IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH NGUZA,
(WHO RECALLED HIS ALGIERS EXCHANGE WITH YOU) REGARDING
DELS TO WHICH HE MIGHT LOOK FOR SUPPORT ON KOREA
ISSUE, WE ASSUME YOU HAVE, WITH LOCAL ROK DEL, BEST
JUDGMENT AS TO WHO MIGHT JOIN IN ANY DEBATE NGUZA
MIGHT INITIATE. OUR CURRENT LIST, WHICH FOLLOWS,
IS MADE UP OF THOSE WHO, ACCORDING TO OUR VARIOUS
SOURCES, HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD BE HELPFUL OR
WHO HAVE TOLD ROK THEY WOULD SPEAK UP. WE NOTE
THAT THERE ARE AMONG THEM STATES WHICH HAVE NOT
BEEN NOTICEABLY VOCAL IN PAST. THEREFORE, IT MIGHT
BE PREFERABLE TO BE SELECTIVE IN ORDER NOT TO RAISE

EXPECTATIONS WHICH MAY BE DISAPPOINTED. LIST FOLLOWS:

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